



CITY OF SAN DIEGO

OFFICE OF
COUNCIL PRESIDENT ANTHONY YOUNG
DISTRICT FOUR
JUNE 15, 2011 WEEKLY UPDATE



YOU MAY WANT TO KNOW:

WALLS OF EXCELLENCE

2011 Walls of Excellence Induction & Awards Ceremony will be held **Saturday, June 18, 10 a.m.** at corner of Imperial and Willie James Jones Avenue. Each year, I am honored to recognize graduating high school seniors from District 4 who have achieved exemplary academic careers along with involvement in their community. Please join me in congratulating this year's recipients and their families:

Shayla Diggs

Lincoln High School

Hope Czbaz

Lincoln High School

Jonathan Tabor

Lincoln High School

Karl Mickelson

Morse High School

Dente Flowers

Morse High School

Shania Nocum

Morse High School

Tasha Williams

School of Creative and Performing Arts

Sarah Roy

School of Creative and Performing Arts

Christian Capuchino

School of Creative and Performing Arts

COUNCIL ACTIONS:

On Monday, June 13 the City Council voted to dissolve a public-private partnership that provides ambulance service throughout San Diego. Rural/Metro will remain the city's ambulance operator for the next two years under a new more traditional outsourcing contract while officials launch a competitive bidding process to provide future paramedic and ambulance services.

On Tuesday, June 14 the City Council approved a plan to increase the city's buying power by pooling its supply needs on hundreds of items with other public agencies. Instead of buying supplies, ranging from electrical equipment to janitorial and landscaping supplies, from approximately 70 different vendors, the city will enter into five-year contracts with five vendors, saving approximately \$1 million annually. These co-operative purchasing agreements will take effect July 1.

Council President Office Hours will be held Friday, June 17, noon to 2 p.m. at the downtown City Administration Building, 202 C Street, 10th Floor. No appointment necessary.



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FREE SUMMER LUNCHES FOR KIDS

San Diego Park & Recreation Department and San Diego Unified School District will provide thousands of free and nutritious lunches and snacks to children 18 and under through its 2011 Summer Fun Café program. A Summer Lunch kick-off event with food, games and music will be held **Wednesday, June 22** from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at **Skyline Hills Community Park**, 8285 Skyline Drive. Free barbecue lunch for kids and parents will be served, and bags of free fruits and vegetables will be handed out by the San Diego Food Bank.

Kids in District 4 can receive free lunches **June 21 to August 26** (Monday through Friday, 12 to 1 p.m.) at the following locations:

Martin Luther King, Jr. Park & Recreation Center, 6401 Skyline Drive
Skyline Hills Park & Recreation Center, 8285 Skyline Drive
Jackie Robinson YMCA, 151 YMCA Way
St. Stephens Church, 5825 Imperial Ave.

In addition, lunches will be provided **July 25 to August 26** (Monday through Friday) at:

Paradise Hills Park & Creation Center, 6610 Potomac Street (12 to 1 p.m.)
Mountain View Park & Recreation Center, 641 S. Boundary St. (1 to 2 p.m.)

Bayview Terrace, Bell Middle School, Gompers and O'Farrell also will offer free lunch (and breakfast) during the two summer school sessions **June 27 – July 22** and **July 25 – August 19**. For detailed information about the citywide Summer Fun Café, call the 211 InfoLine or go to: www.sandi.net.

HOUSING RESOURCE CENTER OPENS

A “one-stop” housing resource center for low income individuals and families seeking a wide range of housing assistance held its official grand opening earlier this month at the San Diego Housing Commission’s downtown Smart Corner complex. This much-needed center provides a variety of resources, services and referrals for those who don’t know where to turn to in search of affordable housing or resolving housing-related issues. Along with current City Councilmember Marti Emerald and former City Council President Ben Hueso (now a State Assembly member), I’ve long championed this innovative Housing Opportunities Collaborative concept that helps folks with issues ranging from foreclosures and tenant-landlord disputes to first-time homebuyer education and loan assistance. Last year, District 4 and two other council offices directed a total of \$180,000 from the city’s Community Development Block Grant program of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) towards tenant improvement costs at headquarters of the Housing Commission, 1100 Broadway Ave., for the new resource center. For more information or housing assistance, please contact new resource center at (619) 283-2200.



DIAMOND BUSINESS DISTRICT SHINES

There's now an opportunity for businesses to join together to improve our community with the newly formed Diamond Business Improvement District (BID). BIDs give local businesses the opportunity to enhance and expand their endeavors through a variety of services and programs, including storefront and façade improvements; street improvements, lighting and landscaping; direct marketing to attract customers; business directory; special workshops and events to help expand business in our community. An informational workshop held earlier this month was attended by dozens of businesses who learned about the types of services, events and activities that other successful business districts throughout San Diego have implemented. With the direction and support of our local small businesses, we can work together to form a new Business Improvement District to revitalize commerce in District 4. For more information about the new Diamond BID, please contact my office at: (619) 236-6644.

UTILITIES GO UNDERGROUND

The City of San Diego Engineering & Capital Projects Department Utilities Underground Program is well underway in the Paradise Hills neighborhood. If you'd like additional information about construction schedules and work progress, please call the Information line at: (619) 533-3841 or online visit: www.sandiego.gov/undergrounding.

MARIA LAROM TAKE A BOW

San Diego Junior Theatre's production of "A Year with Frog and Toad" includes talented young actor Maria Larom from District 4. Based on the Newbery and Caldecott awarded books by Arnold Lobel, *A Year with Frog and Toad* opens Friday, July 1 and runs through Sunday, July 17. Show times are 7 p.m. on Fridays, and 2 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. Tickets are \$8 to \$14. For more information and to purchase tickets, call San Diego Junior Theatre's box office at: (619) 239-8355 or online: www.juniortheatre.com.

SUITS FOR SUITS

The Jackie Robinson Family YMCA is encouraging business professionals (aka "suits") to participate in "Suits From Suits" by either donating swimsuits or making a \$50 contribution that will provide a child with swimwear, aquatic safety training, swimming lessons and a memorable summer. It is estimated that 33,000 children ages 5-12 who live in the YMCA's service area have never taken swimming lessons to develop a healthy respect for the water. And most do not have proper swimwear. Donated suits are being collected throughout the summer at the Jackie Robinson Family YMCA. Financial donations can be sent to nonprofit organization at: 151 YMCA Way, San Diego, CA 92102. For more information, call: (619) 264-0144



SEND A KID TO CAMP

Day camps for kids will be offered throughout the summer at the Jackie Robinson YMCA. More information and registration is available online at:

www.jackierobinson.ymca.org/programs/day-camp.html. The Y is also looking to the community to “Volunteer, Connect & Donate.” Dedicated volunteers are needed to support the camp program --from working the sign out table and making phone calls to participating in the parent council. Your connections to businesses, schools and organizations also can be tapped to help the Y partner with others to provide support for the camp program. And finally, you can make a donation online that will directly benefit a family who needs help sending a kid to camp. Over \$100,000 in financial aid was distributed this year for kids to attend day camp. For more information on how you can help fund that aid and create new opportunities for future campers, call Kathy Wilder, Youth Program Director at the Jackie Robinson YMCA at: (619) 264-0144 or email: kwilder@ymca.org.

VALENCIA PARK COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP

Each year the City of San Diego’s Environmental Services Department conducts special community cleanup events in neighborhoods throughout the City. Areas are selected for these events based upon citizen requests, pledges of community involvement and previous citizen participation levels. On June 8, this department, along with Linda Trejo, conducted a mini community cleanup in the Valencia Park area. This successful cleanup removed a total of 7.08 tons of waste (6.54 tons of non-recyclables and 0.54 tons of recyclables) consisting of metals and appliances from the neighborhood. Ms. Trejo is to be commended for her assistance and support. If there are any questions regarding this cleanup event, call Solid Waste Code Enforcement Officer Alejandro Alvarado at: (858) 627-3317.

STAND DOWN FOR HOMELESS VETERANS

Stand Down 2011 will be held July 15 – 17 on the upper athletic field of San Diego High School. This annual event for homeless veterans and their families offers food,

shelter, clothing, medical, dental, optical, family and homeless court services, employment, recovery services and other VA benefits. Applications for court services must be completed before June 21 and are available at the Veterans Village of San Diego, 4141 Pacific Highway. For more information, contact the VVSD at: 619-393-2011 or online go: www.vvsd.net.

SMALL BUSINESS WORKSHOP

Small businesses are invited to participate in a free networking and business workshop, Subs for Subs, on Thursday, June 16 from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Port Pavilion on Broadway Pier. This event is hosted by Centre City Development Corporation (CCDC), in collaboration with the Public Agency Consortium (PAC), 13 local public agencies seeking to promote and foster diversity and opportunities for businesses. Registration is available until Monday, June 13. For more information or to register, visit www.ccdc.com.



FUN RUN

Fitness Uniting Neighborhoods (F.U.N) Run will be held on Saturday, June 18 at Mt. Erie Christian Academy/Mt. Erie Baptist Church, 511 S. 47th Street. Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. with junior races at 8:30 a.m. and 5K Run/Walk for all ages starting at 10 a.m. Registration on event is \$25; children under 12 can participate for \$10. All proceeds benefit the southeast San Diego area through programs offered by Mt. Erie Schools. For more information, contact Kailyn Wells at: (619) 263-1914.

HONOR THY FATHER

The 2nd Annual Honor Thy Father Awards Breakfast will be held on Saturday, June 18 at 9 a.m. at Sheraton Mission Valley Hotel, 1433 Camino Del Rio South. Hosted by members of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity and the LIS Foundation, the event will honor local fathers who are outstanding role models in the community. Darren Carrington, former San Diego Charger and current Pastor at The Rock Church, will be the keynote speaker. Suggested ticket donation is \$30. For more information, call Greg Watkins at: (619) 341-9413 or online: www.lambdaiotasigma.org.

BE SAFE, NOT SORRY

UAAMAC and Blessed Trinity Christian Fellowship present “Be Safe, Not Sorry,” a community health forum on STDs and the commercial sexual exploitation of children on Saturday, June 18 at 10 a.m., 2605 Highland Ave., National City. The event will feature children and family advocates including Planned Parenthood, Union of Pan-Asian Communities and My Community Huddle. Admission is free and light refreshments will be served. For more information, please call Jordan Kidd at: (619) 264-1213, or email: jkidd@uaamac.com

‘KIN’ BRUNCH

The John Brockington Foundation presents its 4th Annual KIN Breakfast on Saturday, June 18 from 10 a.m. to noon, at the Joe and Vi Jacobs Center, 404 Euclid Ave. The free brunch program promotes KIN (Keeping Inside the Numbers) with health screenings and guest speakers on preventing chronic disease in at-risk males in our community. Free admission by reservation only, so please call: (619) 299-4426. For information on sponsorships, please contact Diane Brockington at: info@johnbrockingtonfoundation.org.

BLACK INDEPENDENCE DAY

The Cooper Family Celebrates Juneteenth on Saturday, June 18 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. At the intersection of 29th and Imperial Avenue. This free event, sponsored in part by the City of San Diego, features live entertainment, dancing, health booths, food vendors and much more. For a complete schedule of events, check out the event website: www.thecooperfamilyjuneteenth.com.



CROSSROADS PAC ELECTIONS

Crossroads Redevelopment Project Area Committee (PAC) will hold its annual elections on June 23, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at College Avenue Baptist Church, 4747 College Ave. There are seven open seats for election, including: two residential owner-occupant representatives; four business/property owner representatives; and one community organization representative at large. If you'd like to represent your community as a PAC member, submit a Candidate Registration Form by 5 p.m. on June 20. To vote in the election, fill out the Voter Registration Form no later than June 23 (Election Day). For more information, contact the City of San Diego Redevelopment Agency at: (619) 236-6261, or visit the website: www.sandiego.gov/redevelopment-agency/crossroads.shtml.

ROAD WORK AHEAD

The I-15 Express Lanes between SR 56 and SR 163 will be closed Saturday, June 18 through Sunday, June 26. All traffic will be forced to use the I-15 main lanes. The major impact for commuters and businesses will be felt during the work week of June 20-24. Motorists should expect heavy congestion on I-15 southbound in the morning and northbound in the afternoon. Motorists are advised to adjust their schedules to leave earlier or later for work, talk with their employers about alternative work options during this week, or expect delays. This 9-day closure allows crews to complete work that cannot be done when there is live traffic in the lanes. The good news is that when the Express Lanes re-open on Monday, June 27 there will be four Express Lanes - double the current amount. For construction updates, questions and road closure information, call the I-15 Project Hotline: at 866-890-1397.log-on to: www.KeepSanDiegoMoving.com.

CURTAIN RISES ON COMMUNITY THEATRE SEASON

Community Actors Theatre is launching its 2011-12 season with the production of "That Night School," running through June 26 at the newly renovated building at the corner of 54th & College Grove Drive. Auditions for the August show "Come Back Little Sheba," will be held Saturday, June 4 from 1:30 to 4 p.m. For tickets and more information about the upcoming season and other special community and fundraising events, call CAT: (619) 264-3391 or visit the website: www.communityactorstheatre.com.

SUMMER DAY CAMP

San Diego Show All Stars will be hosting a summer day camp offering swimming, tumbling, library visits, arts & crafts, and more. Cost is \$50 per week. For information: www.sandiegoshowallstars.com.

LINCOLN HIGH DISPLAYS SCHOOL SPIRIT

Lincoln High School is seeking donations to fund new Hornets signs displaying school spirit on the outside of two buildings and the inside of the new gymnasium. Your tax deductible donation will help jazz up campus facilities and create even more student pride. Please send a check payable to Lincoln High School, 4777 Imperial Ave., San Diego, CA 92113, or contact Principal Mel Collins for information: (619) 266-6515.



100 STRONG COMMUNITY SURVEY

Residents in southeastern San Diego are being asked to voice their opinion on key issues in their neighborhood by completing a Community Survey sponsored by 100 Strong. This local group promotes positive change in the community and supports activities such as neighborhood safety patrols, job training, youth mentorships, and crime-stopping programs that inspire people to look out for their neighbors. Surveys are being distributed throughout District 4, and also can be picked up at Imperial Barber Shop, 6377 Imperial Avenue. For more information regarding the community survey or 100 Strong, call: (619) 366-9386, visit the website: www.100strong.com or send an email to: info@100StrongSD.com.

FRIDAY FARMERS MARKET

People's Produce Farmers Market is open Fridays from 2 to 6 p.m., 606 Euclid Avenue, in Chollas View. Local farmers offer a bounty of fresh produce, local artisans display handmade crafts, and gardening/growing enthusiasts gather to share tips and resources. For more information about upcoming classes and exhibit opportunities, call: (619) 262-2022 or visit: www.projectnewvillage.com.

FOOD ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE TO OUR RESIDENTS

Let's eliminate hunger in our community. We are working with faith-based groups and other local nonprofit organizations to help needy residents in District 4 put food on their tables. If you or someone you know is in need of food assistance, please call my office at: (619) 236-6644. We'll help find the nearest food pantries and meal distribution sites in your neighborhood.

GET INVOLVED WITH LOCAL PLANNING GROUPS

District 4 Planning Groups invite you to participate in making good things happen in our neighborhoods. Community planning groups provide a great opportunity for you to get involved in advising the City Council, the Planning Commission, and other decision-makers on development projects, general or community plan amendments, rezonings and public facilities. Recommendations from local planning groups are integral components of the planning process, and are highly regarded by the City Council and by staff. There are five Planning Groups that impact District Four: City Heights, Eastern Area, Encanto, Skyline Hills/Paradise Hills and Southeastern. If you live, or own a business or property in one of these areas and want more information on ways to get involved, please contact the District 4 office: (619) 236-7175.

VETERAN CEMETERY OPENS AT MIRAMAR

A new veteran cemetery is now open at Miramar. Burial is free for veterans (and their spouses) who have been honorably discharged. For more information, call Janice Coleman: (619) 929-9916.



COMMUNITY MEETINGS:

Meeting Date	Community Meeting (District 4 Staff)	Meeting Time	Meeting Location
Wednesday June 15	Mountain View Community Meeting (Roosevelt Williams III)	6:00 p.m.	Mt View Park and Recreation Center 641 S. Boundary Street
Wednesday June 15	Paradise Hills Village Council (Liezl Mangonon)	6:30 p.m.	St. Timothy Church 2602 Reo Drive
Thursday June 16	Martin Luther King, Jr. Recreation Council (Roosevelt Williams III)	6:00 p.m.	MLK Recreation Center 6401 Skyline Drive
Thursday June 16	Lomita Village Town Council (Venus Molina)	6:00 p.m.	Skyline Park and Recreation Center 8285 Skyline Drive
Monday June 20	Encanto Neighborhood Community Planning Group (Bruce Williams)	6:30 p.m.	Joe and Vi Jacobs Center 404 Euclid Avenue
Tuesday June 21	Webster Community Council	7:00 p.m.	Webster Elementary School 4801 Elm Street
Wednesday June 22	Encanto Community/Recreation Council (Roosevelt Williams III)	6:00 p.m.	Encanto Recreation Center 6508 Wunderlin Drive
Thursday June 23	Broadway Heights Community Council	7:00 p.m.	6721 Tiffin Avenue

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